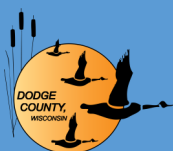


Dodge County Human Services and Health Department



Public Health Unit

Summer 2016

Upcoming Events

- June 25: Dodge County Family & Friends 5k run/walk– Juneau
- July 9: Mudslide & Friends Jamfest for Gold Star Memorial Trail– Mayville
- August 17–21: Dodge County Fair
- October 8: Dementia awareness walk– Beaver Dam
- October 20: Dementia and Aging Crisis Summit – Beaver Dam



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Rabies Exposure

Rabies is a fatal disease transmitted in the saliva of an infected animal through a bite, scratch or licking a skin break. You or your pet are considered to have been exposed to rabies if contact has been made with a suspected rabid animal.

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, or have a bat in your home and have an unknown bite/scratch mark

1. Contact your county health department, the police, and your physician immediately. Depending on the animal and the location of the bite, you may need to be vaccinated immediately
2. Wash wound thoroughly with soap and water
3. If the animal is domestic:
 - Determine if it is currently vaccinated
 - All domestic animals involved in a human exposure incident need to be placed in a 10-day quarantine. Usually animals that are vaccinated can be quarantined at the owner's home. Unvaccinated animals are required to be quarantined at an isolation facility.
 - The pet needs to be examined by a veterinarian before, during and after the quarantine.



Make sure your pets are up to date on their rabies vaccines!



Recreational Water Illnesses



Recreational water illnesses (RWIs) can be caused by germs and chemicals present in swimming pools, hot tubs, water parks, fountains, lakes, rivers and oceans. People can become ill after accidental ingestion of water, breathing in water droplets, or just coming into contact with contaminated water.

These illnesses can include many conditions including gastrointestinal, skin, ear, breathing, eye, neurologic and wound infections. The most common reported RWI is diarrhea.

Most RWIs occur seasonally, with the highest number of illnesses during the summer months. Anyone who enters contaminated water is potentially at risk for some illnesses, people who allow contaminated water to enter their mouth are more likely to become ill, even if they don't swallow it.

How to prevent RWIs:

- Keep the poop and pee out of the water. Don't swim when you have diarrhea.
- Don't swim or boat through algae blooms or things floating the surface.
- Shower with soap before and after swimming and wash your rear well!
- Wash your hands after using the toilet.
- Don't swallow the water you swim in.
- Parents: swim diapers DO NOT prevent germs from going into water, DO NOT change diapers poolside, take children to the bathroom every hour



Public Health Program Highlight: Communicable Disease Surveillance & Follow Up

Dodge County Public Health provides surveillance and follow-up for state reportable communicable diseases as outlined in Wisconsin state statutes. We provide education about diseases and intervention as appropriate. Through this work, we hope to lessen the impact of communicable diseases in our county and encourage the continued health of our residents. There are over 70 reportable communicable diseases reportable to the state. Some of these include:

- Salmonella
- E. Coli
- Tetanus
- Tuberculosis
- Measles
- Whooping Cough
- Hepatitis
- Gonorrhea
- Chlamydia
- HIV & AIDS
- Lyme Disease
- Chicken Pox
- Suspected foodborne, waterborne, and other outbreaks



If you test positive for any of the 70 reportable communicable diseases, you will more than likely receive a phone call from a member of the public health staff. Questions about exposure, risks, and treatment will be asked of you. These phone calls are made to ensure you have received proper treatment, and to identify any significant risks to yourself or the community. Public health staff will also educate you on signs and symptoms of the disease, treatment, and how to prevent getting the disease or spreading it.

Keep in mind some diseases can be prevented with vaccines. Contact your healthcare provider or Public Health to learn more!

Our Mission:

The mission of the Dodge County Public Health Unit is to promote healthy living, prevent disease and illness, and protect against injury and environmental concerns to those living in Dodge County no matter their age, education, or economic standing using prevention services, health education and working with other agencies and groups.